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SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE C-IN-C

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 0443

1. RE GENERAL KAULZA'S PRIVATE CONFIRMATION TO CONGEN THAT HE WILL LEAVE COMMAND IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE OBTAINED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM LOCAL JOURNALIST COPY OF KAULZA'S FAREWELL REMARKS, EMBARGOED UNTIL JULY 12. REMARKS INCLUDE STANDARD GOP POSITION, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF PORTUGAL'S (AND KAULZA'S) MISSION IN AFRICA. IN REMARKS KAULZA NOTES LACK OF ASSISTANCE TO GOP FROM "ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-RACIST COUNTRIES." KAULZA ADMITS HIS MISSION INCOMPLETE, BUT PREDICTS SUCCESS (I.E., END OF WAR) WHEN CABORA BASSA DAM CONSTRUCTED, ALDEAMENTO PROGRAM COMPLETE IN CENTER AND NORTH, AND WHEN GRUPOS ESPECIAIS EXPANDED AND SUBVERSION REDUCED. REMARKS GIVE NO HINT AS TO HIS INTENTIONS.

2. WE TOO HAVE HEARD THAT KAULZA WILL BE SUCCEDED BY GENERAL BASTOS (OR BASTO) MACHADO, AT PRESENT ADJUTANT GENERAL OF ARMY. THIS REPORT IS STILL VERY MUCH IN RUMOR STAGE AND WE CANNOT CONFIRM IT FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN LISBON.

3. BASTOS MACHADO, 59, HAS SERVED AS ADJ. GEN. OF ARMY (PERSONNEL) SINCE JUNE 72. BEFORE THAT HE SERVED AS COMMANDER OF TOMAR MILITARY REGION WHERE HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING AND DISPATCH OF 70 PERCENT OF PORTUGUESE ARMY TROOPS TO OVERSEAS. SERVED AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF ARMY IN ANGOLA 1967-69. ADDITIONAL DAO BIO MATERIAL POUCHED.

4. COMMENT: BASTOS MACHADO, WHO AS OF JANUARY WAS 17TH IN SENIORITY OUT OF 28 GENERALS IN ARMY, APPEARS TO BE COMPETENT OFFICER, BUT NOT A STAR. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE HE LACKS CHARISMA AND POLITICAL CLOUT OF KAULZA AND OTHER PROVINCIAL CINCS. THIS MAY BE EFFORT BY LISBON TO CONCENTRATE AUTHORITY AT HOME AND TAKE MORE DIRECT CONTROL OVER WAR IN OVERSEAS.
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